

(Continued on Preceding Page) ing in the service areas of the Metropolitan Aqueduct," Jensen declared.

GENERAL MANAGER and Chief Engineer Diemer, who has been in charge of the entire \$200 million Aqueduct expansion program, traced the history of the expansion and described the major features of the work that has been completed.

"Work has just been completed on the enlargement of Lake Mathews by raising the height of the dam some 35 feet. The long dike was also raised to match the height of the dam," Diemer said.

"This enlargement work al-

most doubled the capacity of the reservoir. It is now capable of storing 60 billion gallons of water. That's a lot of water in anybody's bathtub," he declared.

DIEMER POINTED out that other major features of the expansion program included the installation of the second barrel of siphons on the main Aqueduct, the addition of 163 miles of distribution pipelines, the installation of six additional pumps and two additional delivery lines at the five pumping plants on the Aqueduct, the construction of Garvey Reservoir on the distribution system, the enlargement of the filtering capacity of the F. E.

Weymouth Softening and Filtration Plant and the construction of a new power transmission line from Hoover Dam.

"Lake Mathews is one of the important links in the Colorado River Aqueduct system that helps to assure all of the people and areas within the Metropolitan Water District an abundant water supply throughout this record-breaking drought year," Diemer stated.

BOARD Secretary Heilbron, who is also chairman of the board of directors of the San Diego County Water Authority, praised the united action that led to the development of the Aqueduct system and

stressed that similar united action must be maintained to protect the contract the District has signed with the State for water to be made available by the State Water Development Program.

"And by the same token, it is by united action — with all our people working together in good faith — that we can protect our rights on the Colorado River so that a great system of life-giving water will continue to flow without interruption and without curtailment into this great reservoir for the service of those to come in the years ahead," Heilbron concluded.

"IT IS A part of the over-all

Aqueduct system that will bring an abundant supply of water to our people this year — and for a number of years to come. It will bring increasing supplies of water to meet our needs while our people are working out the complex task of bringing surplus Northern California water to this semiarid part of California," Diemer concluded.

Former General Manager and Chief Engineer Julian Hinds paid tribute to the early board members and officers who laid the foundation for the development of the Colorado River Aqueduct.

He paid particular praise to the vision and wisdom of F. E. Weymouth, the first General

Manager and Chief Engineer of the District; J. M. Luney, former Controller who established the fiscal system of the District; W. B. Mathews, the District's first General Counsel for whom the reservoir is named; and John Bullock, the Los Angeles director who headed the campaign that led to the passage of the \$220 million bond issue to provide to construct the Aqueduct in its initial development.

"With so many of the gals copying Jackie Kennedy's hairdo, it makes one wonder what would happen if she suddenly showed up with a crew cut."—Eugene C. Lehman, Chatfield (Minn.) News.

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Where to Start Remodeling State Government Still Knotty Problem

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It's been 30 long years since our California state government last had a major overhauling. Since then, our population has tripled, our total personal income has increased sevenfold, and our governmental problems a thousandfold. Many think it's about time for another remodeling, but where to start and how far to go are still knotty problems.

One or more reorganization bills have been introduced at practically every session during these thirty years, but none of any importance has progressed very far along the legislative path. Things could work out differently this time, however. A number of significant bills on state government structure have passed their first tests in the Assembly. Another has passed the Senate, and will soon be up for committee hearing in the Assembly.

THE SENATE measure would create a new department of transportation, Consolidated into it would be the existing departments of public works, motor vehicles and highway patrol. The two latter agencies would be continued as specific divisions in the new department, and other existing divisions would also be continued for the time being.

Incumbent directors of motor vehicles and highway patrol would become "commissioners" of their respective divisions, and their new offices would remain subject to appointment by the Governor. The incumbent director of public works would become the first director of the department of transportation.

AN ASSEMBLY measure would merge a number of existing departments into three super "agencies" without lowering their status as departments. Each of these new agencies would be headed by

an administrator with an annual salary of \$25,000. It would be his responsibility, among others, to advise the Governor with respect to the budgetary, legislative and organizational affairs of the departments within his agency.

Combined in a new agriculture and resources agency would be the existing departments of agriculture, fish and game, and water resources. The present natural resources department would be divided into two new ones, conservation, and parks and recreation, which also would be included in this agency.

THE CORRECTIONS department and the youth authority would be joined in a new youth and corrections agency. Existing departments of social welfare, mental hygiene, and public health would be associated together in a health and welfare agency.

Another Assembly measure which received a favorable committee recommendation would establish a "little Hoover commission" — a bi-partisan eleven member efficiency and economy group set up on a permanent basis to assist the Legislature and the Governor in promoting efficiency and economy in state government.

AN INTEGRAL part of the reorganization plan proposed in these measures is an Assembly constitutional amendment which would authorize the Governor to initiate reorganization programs which would go into effect unless specifically disapproved by the Legislature. Such programs, under the proposed law, would have to be submitted to the new economy commission for review and recommendation.

While it is too early to predict the eventual fate of any of these measures, it is known that they have the blessing of the state administration. Therefore, chances seem better than even that our California state government will be given a new look by this session.

El Camino Counselor, Instructor Picked for Vermont Summer Work

John R. Broe, a counselor and instructor at El Camino College, is one of five science teachers selected by the University of Vermont as a participant in its Summer Research Program under sponsorship of the National Science Foundation.

Broe, 17038 Daphne Ave., will work with Dr. Norman J. Slamecka, assistant professor of psychology at Vermont, on a project entitled "Investigating the Variables That Determine the Rate Retention of Meaningful Sentences, Particularly the Effects of Interfering Learning, Using the Traditional Retroactive Inhibition Design and Procedure."

IN THIS project, cooperating persons memorize certain pieces of prose. The investigators then try to determine from the data predictions of how much the subjects of the

experiment will remember. In his work with Dr. Slamecka, Broe will familiarize himself with the scope of the project and will study the data for indications and prediction of retention.

The eight-week program at the University provides participants the opportunity of working with faculty members on research in progress and enables them to earn up to six hours of graduate credit. The program director is Howard M. Smith, Jr., professor of electrical engineering and coordinator of research.

BROE obtained his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Occidental College in 1951 and 1953 respectively. He has been accepted by the University of Southern California as a candidate for the Ph. D. degree. He is married and the father of three children.

Sixth Harbor Welfare Council Meeting Planned Here Wednesday

"California Looks to its Elderly Citizens" will be the topic of the sixth annual meeting of the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council, to be held Wednesday, May 17th 7 o'clock at the Torrance YMCA.

The program will feature a discussion of legislation currently before the California State Legislature relating to health, housing, and recreational needs of the elderly. The speaker will be Miss Barbara Rosen who is Coordinator of the Senate Sub-Committee on Housing and Recreational Needs of the Elderly which is chaired by Senator Hugh Burns and which handles all legislation in this field.

THE ANNUAL meeting will be the occasion of electing the Council's new officers and board members for the coming year. Nominated are president, Victor Davenport; first vice-president, Dr. Kenneth Reeves; second vice-president, Loman Carter; secretary, Mrs. Herma

Tillim; board members - at large: S. D. Owen, Kenyon Smith, Mrs. C. B. Walsworth, Ray Choate, Fred Thompson, Donn Byron and Mrs. Edna Haggerty.

Also featured on the program will be an exhibit of 17 different senior citizens clubs and social agencies which provide services for the elderly. The exhibits are being organized by Ted Olsen.

RESERVATIONS for the dinner affair, costing \$2.50 per person, should be made by May 15th by calling the Council office. The meeting is open to the public.

Plans for the program are being handled by the Council's committee on services to the aging under the chairmanship of Mrs. Eileen O'Brien. Other Committee members are Rev. Hugh Percy, Ted Olsen, Miss Ruth Murphy, Miss Elaine Beam, Dr. Robert Colbert, Miss Nancy Bessire, Glenn Wymore, and Mrs. Ora Smith.

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